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Those who put their faith in things beyond the strength of man, wait with quiet confidence the working of His plan.—*Patience Strong*

Cheerfulness means a contented spirit; a pure heart, a kind and loving disposition; it means humility and charity, a generous appreciation of others, and a modest opinion of self.—*Thackeray*

We are weaving character every day, and the way to weave the best character is to be kind and to be useful. Think right, act right; it is what we think and do that makes what we are.—*Elbert Hubbard*

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Do not pray for easy lives; pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers; pray for powers equal to your tasks.—*Phillips Brooks*

The Church of God Evangel

Building With the BIBLE IN THE HOME

By Mrs. Billy Graham
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JUST AS A HOME is something far more than a house, so children are infinitely more than the biological products of marriage; they are immortal souls committed into the care and keeping of parents. What those parents do with this sobering responsibility and opportunity has its bearing not only on these precious little lives as they grow and mature but also on their destiny for eternity.

The foundation upon which we, their parents, must build is two-fold: the Christian home and the Word of God. In Psalm 11:3 David warns us: "If the foundation be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Knowing this, Satan has done, and is continuing to do, all in his power to destroy these foundations.

The Christian home can be destroyed through neglect, indifference or distraction. It takes will power, firm resolve, careful planning and faithful, determined, ingenious persistence to establish and maintain a Christian home—personal devotions, family prayers, faithful spiritual instruction of our children, wise discipline, plenty of wholesome activity and fun, wit and wisdom. In short, it takes more than any human parents can manage in their own strength and in



their own wisdom. It is only as we walk with Christ and rely wholly upon Him that we can make our homes truly Christian. And after we have done everything humanly possible, it is still nothing but the grace of Almighty God that hallows that which we have attempted to do, that touches the hearts of our children so that they turn to Him in repentance and faith and love. It has been well said, "Man builds, but God hallows." We must take care of the possible and trust Him for the impossible.

"And the Lord said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually," I Kings 9:3.

The Word of God, Satan cannot destroy; but he is doing all in his power to plant seeds of doubt as to its inspiration. As of old in the Garden of Eden, he still insinuates, "Yea, hath God said?"

Life itself is so uncertain. Our children need to be given something to guide them through life, something that will never let them down. The only source of infallible knowledge that we have is the Bible; and they must be taught from babyhood that while their parents may be wrong, their ministers may even be wrong, yet the Word of God is never wrong.

If we can send them forth into the world knowing that this is in truth God's Holy Word, they will be armed for the onslaught of doubt, insecurity and evil of every description. They will have with them the one sure thing in an unsure world.

Moses died. As Joshua took over the Gargantuan task of leading the children of Israel into the Promised Land, what did God give to him? The promise of His presence with him and the Book of the Law. "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success," Joshua 1:8. We dare not send our children forth to face life with any less.

The foundation must precede the superstructure. We dare not wait, as some say, until our children

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how far can GOD reach?

By Joe Southerland

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Isaiah 59:1, "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear."

Hebrews 7:25, "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come to God by him."

THESE ABOVE VERSES have to do directly with the reach of God. "But," you ask, "how far is that?" My feeble words alone are inadequate to describe the far-reaching power of Jehovah. The answer is written in the Word of God from Genesis to Revelation. Also, the solution to the question is seen in the lives of the untold number of beneficiaries of the sufferings and sayings of Jesus over the ages. We see the creature's weakness and the Creator's strength. The hand of God doing the miraculous goes far beyond the reach of human frailties, in spite of all of the great knowledge we possess.

Look on the map of men and find a place called Ur, of the Chaldees; then take the map of God, the Bible, and read of a man by the name of Abram who lived there. God reached into a place of idolatry and sin and found the man who would listen to His voice and believe in what he could not see enough to set out to find it.

To further see the reach of God, let us look upon the hot, dry, thirsty desert where heat waves rise like rivulets of water; and the only breeze is a hot one to add to the torture of a parching, perishing Ishmael who, sobbing faintly, lies under a dry, rattling shrub awaiting death. A bow-shot away, sits his mother weeping and praying unto God lest she should witness the death of her beloved. But, God has made a promise and God will fulfill it. The cries are heard and the long arm of God reaches into the wilderness of Beer-sheba; first,

in the angelic capacity of assurance; next, in the miracle-moving power of a well driller, He produces living water to save a life and establish a nation, Genesis 21.

Again, we can see the hand of God as we look upon the sin-loving, wicked men in the days of Noah as told in Genesis 7. Revelry prevailed and nearly all the inhabitants had given over to the spirit of the age. Marriage had become an excuse to fulfill the lust of the flesh; wine flowed, and the entire population was debased and would not repent of their wrong ways. However, God had a remnant in the persons of Noah and his family. The rain started; the fountains sprang forth, the flood came and carried away all in its path. The same God who had destroyed men reached down and, with his mighty force, picked up Brother Noah from a water-soaked, soggy city and set him down, high and dry, on a mountain top.

In the third chapter of Exodus, we see Moses as he fled from the reach of Pharaoh. In the desert, close by Mt. Horeb, day after day, for forty years, he cared for his father-in-law's sheep. Then God, having chosen the place and the man, reached down and with His hand set a bush aflame and brought the stuttering shepherd out of the wilderness—a God-fearing guide. God with His power sent the plagues to persuade the persecutor of His people to let them go. We see the Israelites fleeing for their lives and leaving Egypt lock, stock and barrel. About the time the song of victory was rising and ringing on the lips of 4,000,000 people, the Red Sea came into sight. This could have been very discouraging with the Egyptian Army at their heels, but they marched on; and when they approached the Sea, Moses gave God the signal, and the long reach of God stopped the waters from flowing, split the sea asunder and made a dry path for His children. Is this

all God did for them? No, He kept their shoes whole and their garments in good condition in the wilderness. He shook up a covey of quail great enough to feed all and drove it into the Israelites' camp. He sent them water from a rock, and to top it all, He served them angel food for breakfast, dinner and supper. These things again prove there is no limit to the reach of God.

Is there more to prove how far He can reach? Surely! Consider in 2 Kings 19:35 how God reached into the Assyrian army and smote 185,000 men to give His people victory. Also, think of the armies He put to rout, as the Midianites for Gideon and his three hundred thoroughbreds; or the thousands of strong, stony soldiers, he put to flight with the insufficient infantry of four limping lepers.

Looking at Elijah, we can see the hand of God moving on every side to supply oil, to multiply meal, to raise the dead, to shut and open the heavens, to feed Elijah in the wilderness, to divide Jordan and to translate His servant.

Purposely, I left out the Mount Carmel episode in order to comment on it more fully. It shows how God can reach into the midst of unbelievers, though they outnumber His children eight hundred and fifty to one, and outpace their wildest imagination with a rain of fire. The man of God got his orders from his Commanding General and put them into practice, even though it made the burning of the sacrifice seem impossible. For faith, fortitude and sixty-three words of prayer, God flicked a bolt of heavenly lightning down that consumed the sacrifice, lapped up the water in the trench and put eight hundred and fifty false prophets on their last move.

Did not God move mightily for Joshua? Yes! He reached down to Jericho and removed the strength from the mortar and pushed the walls to pieces, except for one house, which, for faith, he protected with His hand. Also, He put the reins on the Jordan River for this son of Nun. Look again and we see him fighting a battle. It was going his way as the daylight began to fade. The great God, who had created them reached out and grasped the sun with one hand and the moon with the other and held Sol and Luna in check until Joshua became the victor.

To prove to a group of pagans that He was the great *I AM*, He chose a boy named Samson. Read in the book of Judges and see how God used him. God reached down and began to move, and Samson carried away the gates of a city with the posts and the bar, slew a thousand soldiers with a streamlined, Jehovah-jettied jawbone of a donkey and instilled fear into all his enemies by these great feats of his God-given power. Even in his last days, while in prison for betraying the secret of his power, God reached down for him and shook a banquet hall and its patrons to pieces to prove His power.

Still the hand of God was reaching far and powerfully in the case of Naaman. He was in a very bad state of mind and body because of the incurable disease of leprosy. After getting in touch with the right man and getting his instructions, he set out to do the things that could make his body well. Upon approaching the River Jordan and taking one view of the rolling mucky mass, he sickened inside. The thoughts of the exotic streams in his own country went through his mind—

the rivers of Abana and Pharpar on which Mohammed said he could not gaze long without their captivating beauty deterring his mind from paradise. Naaman wondered why he could not bathe in them. But God had chosen the locale, and there was the only place in which he could obtain his healing.

Let me insert here, that today we still must meet God's conditions before we can receive blessings from Him. After bickering awhile, Naaman alighted from his chariot and started walking into the river Jordan, the mucky, miry mud squishing through his sandals. The smell of unclean water rose to his nostrils. Into the water he went and began to drop under. Arising once, he was ready to stop for he despised the taste and silty feeling of this water. Encouraged by his cohorts, he went under again and again and so on toward the God-specified number of seven. No doubt, as far as he was concerned, when he didn't see the flesh changing at least a little every time, he would have stopped, just as great numbers of people do today when they lose their drive and perseverance at the threshold of God's blessings. He went down the seventh time, and in a miraculous way the hand of God reached into the polluted waters of a raging, rolling Jordan and out of the filth of the waters rose Naaman, the used-to-be-leper, sporting skin as soft and fair as that of any newborn babe.

God reached to Jonah into the hold of a ship and into the depths of the sea and into the belly of the great fish to carry out His divine plan of prophecy, judgment and mercy.

Consider Daniel, ordered by the jealous aides of the king to be thrown into the den of lions for his faithfulness in prayer. Surely enough, to the lions' den he went. That night the great God of heaven reached to man and moved mightily. He touched the king with condemnation and conviction which was manifested by his troubled conscience. "Poor Daniel," he thought, "I should not have let those foolish men talk me into decreeing this awful thing that I have done." But look! As the king was worrying, God reached His hand farther than the monarch's couch into the depths of the Lions' den; in that craggy pit, He took the growling, snarling, beasts and tamed them with the divine culture of the Creator to make a pillow for the praying prophet.

Look again, as a great image is unveiled in the Land of Babylon with an attached command from the king that all should bow or burn. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego said "NO," for they had purposed in their hearts to worship Jehovah alone. The music played, the decree was shouted; still, in the midst of sensual, pagan people, they stood firm in their refusal to worship the image. The doom of fire did not deter their determination to stand for right. Incited by their disobedience to his command, the king had the furnace heated seven times hotter—even so hot that the keepers fell dead tending it. Into the seething, roaring furnace, marched God's faithful three, and that was the end—or so the king thought. However in the midst of one of the hottest trials ever known, God reached with His hand of power and gave them assurance of His care, by clothing them with godly asbestos, thrilling their souls, letting their ropes blaze off, giving them His Son for a companion and bringing them forth with neither a hair singed nor any of their clothes smoldering.

When His Son dwelt on earth, His hand reached into

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Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, Isaiah 2:10. Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord? Jeremiah 23:24.

THESE SCRIPTURES ARE made startlingly clear in this age. Mankind of today is feverishly working and planning to devise some way to bring security from the destroying power of atomic, hydrogen, and cobalt-deutrium bombs that nations are rapidly perfecting. This has been true since the use of the first two atomic bombs at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, August 6 and 9th, respectively, in 1945—a little more than ten years ago.

Let us remind ourselves of a measure of the effect these bombs had, and the terrible toll of thousands of lives in one mass suddenly destroyed by them.

At eighteen hundred feet above the ground the bomb burst into blue-white brilliance—a ball as bright as a thousand suns, with an initial temperature in the hundreds of millions degrees. Then followed a series of triphammer-like blows, followed by a heat wave moving with the speed of light—186,000 miles a second. Setting things afire, the flash was so strong that faces one and a half miles away were blistered, and buildings were set afire. Then came a terrible shock wave, a sound wave, moving with the speed of sound. This was followed by blasts that caused displacement of air, compressing bodies, and so forth, with a vacuum that caused gases in the stomachs and intestines to expand with explosive force which tore bodies and tissues apart. Then, with a speed of from 500 to 1,000 miles an hour, the blast swept mangled bodies and everything, as rubble of buildings and blazing wood, along as leaves. Gamma rays, invisible, struck through thick concrete and disintegrated the blood cells. Even the dust burned until it was left as a brittle greenish mass, like unto burned glass.

This was but the beginning, for now they are perfecting the hydrogen or H-bomb, nicknamed the hell-bomb. It is thirty-six times hotter than the sun at its surface, which is 36,000,000 degrees Fahrenheit. Also, there is now the new destroyer, the cobalt-deutrium bomb, too dangerous for any nation to detonate for a trial test. It is claimed that it would coat the surface of the earth with lethal dust. Exploded in the Pacific Ocean one thousand miles west of the coast of California, radioactive dust would reach New York in four or five days and destroy nearly all life as it crossed the continent. It is claimed that 400 such bombs would destroy all life on earth. There are cosmic rays, bacterial bombs, the invisible GB bomb (nerve gas) which neither burns nor scars but is absorbed by the body into the blood stream. It destroys the brain in thirty seconds and the lungs a few seconds later—a terrible silent death to millions by the mass.

Rightfully, men are seeking a hiding place. The sad thing is that they are seeking in the wrong places, for there is only one true and safe hiding place, and that is in Christ Jesus, the Son of the living God. The wrath of the Lord is soon to be poured upon the earth. Read the Bible, and then look about you. Notice the news headlines, the signs in the sun, the moon, the stars, and in the earth. It is later than you think. The sin of rebellion and unbelief is increasing; iniquity abounds, and the love of many waxes cold. Man, as a whole, has be-

come heady, high-minded (lofty), thinking he does not need God. Satan, the archenemy of God and all who dare to believe in God, has cleverly blinded the mind of man, as a whole, to accept a religion that is false and insecure. Jesus is the true Refuge, the Rock in a weary land, the Shelter in the time of storm.

David of old found the Hiding Place; listen to him: "Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah," Psalm 32:7. At another time, he said, "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold thou art there," Psalm 139:7, 8. A song writer of the twentieth century wrote:

*"I went to the rock to hide my face;
The rock cried back, 'No hiding place,'
There is no hiding place down here."*

MAN, FROM THE VERY beginning, has sought to prepare himself a secret and secure hiding place, other than in the place the Lord God of heaven has prepared, either to get away from danger or to get away from the presence of God.

Adam and Eve sought a hiding place after they had disobeyed the Lord. They hid among the trees of the garden. When God came, when God spoke, they, in fear and the condemnation of guilt, betrayed themselves (Genesis 3:8-10).

Saul, king of Israel, tried to hide. The Lord uncovered his hiding place when he endeavored to hide among the stuff rather than come out in the open and take his anointed place (1 Samuel 10:22).

Jonah tried to hide by running away from God's commission, taking a ship in the wrong direction and hiding in the hold of the ship, even after he had paid his fare. He found one cannot get away from the presence of the Lord. He was discovered and finally went in God's will but by the hard way (Jonah 1:1-6). If you are a Jonah, get on the run for God. Do not try to dodge the issue and flee from Him. Answer the call, go straight and be out and out for God. Some even try to hide in the Church. Church membership will not save you, even in the Church of God; you must be born again to see Him and enter His kingdom.

In Amos 9:2-4, we read in brief: "Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down: And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence . . ."

We are reminded that when the angel shall open the sixth seal, which is spoken of in Revelation 6:12-17, kings, great men, rich men, chief captains, mighty men, bondmen and freemen will hide themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and will say to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"

In Isaiah 2:19-21, we read that they shall go into the clefts of the rocks and into the caves of the earth for fear of the Lord.

This is being done right now, even here in America. Notice the following facts which we have gleaned from statements in true written reports allowed to be publicly published by our Government:

By Ralph E. Northrup

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In northern reaches of the Blue Ridge Mountains, about seventy miles from Washington, D.C., army engineers are completing one of the Government's most fantastic projects—a \$100-million underground atomic-proof retreat for some 10,000 federal officials and their aides. Built in two years out of solid rock beneath a Pennsylvania mountain, at least three stories high (or, rather, deep), the structure measures 3,000 feet in length with inside rooms, restaurants, offices, connecting elevators, and stored food to last at least three months. Also, it has a fully equipped hospital and a 280-acre roof. Fresh water enters and drainage leaves through pipes laid in solid rock. It is called *Cave City*.

In Saranac Lake, a town of about 7,000 inhabitants, in the Adirondack Mountains, New York State, about 360 miles north of New York City, is an atomic shelter belonging to the Lincoln Warehouse Company of New York City, which is designed to protect valuable business records. They are on microfilm and clients pay fifty dollars and up a year for space in this underground cave dug and bored into the rock deep of the earth. The cave is fully equipped with telephones and offices. Packages from as far away as England, Germany, France, and other countries are stored there now. In Virginia, caves are already earmarked for the storage of art from the National Gallery. Smaller shelters are built near and beneath the Pentagon and the White House. Many other shelters and caves throughout the United States are being converted into bomb and gas-proof retreats or earmarked for future use, if needed. In the *Life* magazine a few weeks ago there was an account of bomb-proof retreats in rocks and mountains which are being perfected in Sweden and other countries of Europe.

Gold is buried in vaults at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Even as the door is opened to some such storage places, bats fly out and owls perch nearby, and one can see where moles have burrowed around the edges of walls and mounds. Does that not remind us of the passage of Scripture in Isaiah 2:20, 21, "In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship (and man, as a whole, worships the almighty dollar nowadays), to the moles and to the bats; To go into the clefts of the rocks and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth."

Man is seeking a hiding place, and the solution in part is contained in Zephaniah 2:3: "Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: *it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger.*"

"See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once

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O JERUSALEM, JERUSALEM... HOW OFTEN
WOULD I HAVE GATHERED THY CHILDREN
TOGETHER, EVEN AS A HEN GATHERETH
HER CHICKENS UNDER HER WINGS, AND YE
WOULD NOT! — *MATT. 23:37*



TEXT: Acts 8:4, "They . . . went everywhere preaching the word."

EVANGELISM MEANS THE preaching, or the promulgation of the gospel. Let us first note the rapid growth of the early Church. Matthew 10:1, "And when he had called unto him his *twelve* disciples"; then Luke 10:1, "After these things the Lord appointed other *seventy* also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come." Acts 1:14, 15, "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication . . . And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an *hundred and twenty*)." Acts 2:41, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about *three thousand* souls." Acts 4:4, "Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about *five thousand*." Acts 17:4, "And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a *great multitude*, and of the chief women not a few." Acts 17:6, "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also." Yes, the early Church had grown from the small number of *twelve* to *thousands*

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and then to a *great multitude*, and finally those that were in opposition to the early Church and the spreading of the gospel of Jesus Christ cried out in desperation, "Here they come that turned the world upside down."

WHY SUCH RAPID GROWTH

First, they went everywhere preaching the Word. It is through the preaching of the Word of God that people are begotten. 1 Corinthians 4:15, "For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel." 1 Peter 1:23, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever."

The preaching of the true Word of God is powerful.

Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." *And if we have not lost our power that Pentecostal people are supposed to have, we can have results even today.* Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Has God changed? No. Psalm 90:2, "From everlasting to everlasting, thou art God." *Has Jesus Christ changed? No.* Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." *Has the Holy Ghost changed? No.* John 14:16, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever."

God has said, "My word . . . shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please," Isaiah 55:11. Thus, God is saying to us to go preach His Word to all nations (Matthew 28:19) and to every creature (Mark 16:15). Yes, He wants us to go out into the streets and lanes of the city and preach His Word; go out into the highways and hedges and preach His Word; go into the next towns and preach His Word (Mark 1:38); go on the other side of the lake and preach His Word (Mark 4:35). Yes, proclaim it everywhere.

Why did the early Church have such great results?

They went everywhere preaching the Word of God.

Mark 16:20, "And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." My brother, that same Jesus lives today (Hebrews 13:8). Revelation 1:18, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore." *This Jesus is the Captain of our salvation,*

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who never loses a battle. The Lord has said, "Is there any thing too hard for the Lord?" (Genesis 18:14). *My answer is "No."* He can still save and heal, and perform miracles. I have seen some wonderful miracles of late.

WHY SUCH RESULTS

We hear the apostles say it in Acts 6:4, "We will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word." O my brother minister, here is where we are missing out, I am afraid. *We are not giving ourselves to prayer and fasting.* Our Lord has said in Matthew 17:21, "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." It is hard to bring ourselves down to real prayer and fasting before God, *but such will bring results today.* I sincerely believe that God's people today need to pray the prayer of Psalm 85:6, "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?" Yes, we need to be revived so that we will rejoice in God rather than in other things.

God is a jealous God and demands our devotion to Him, and I am afraid too many people that profess to be Pentecostal people, are rejoicing in other things rather than in God. We may rejoice in the fact that we have a beautiful church building, fine pews, a wonderful choir, a great preacher, and all these things are nice, but the fact still remains that *God wants us to rejoice in Him and Him alone.* He has said in Psalm 37:4, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Some rejoice so much in a radio or television program, or in taking a pleasure ride in their new car, until they will not go to church. The very thought of going to God's house should bring joy to our hearts. As David said in Psalm 122:1, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." The thought of going into the house of the Lord to worship Him *should bring us more joy than any other thing in all the world.*

If we are to have a real revival, we must wait before God in prayer; as we are told in Psalm 126:5, 6, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." *There must be a time of prayer; there must be a time of agonizing before God,* as we find in Isaiah 66:8, "For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." What does the word *travail* mean? It simply means "labor in pain; weeping and crying in agony."

Our Lord said in John 16:21, "A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world." Yes, before the birth there must be a time of agony, a time of trouble, a time of travail.

Jesus said in John 16:20, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy." When will our sorrow be turned into joy? *After we have waited before God in fasting and prayer* that God would save the unsaved, and then God's Spirit moves upon those that do not know God and they are brought to Him through the power of the Holy Spirit, bow down before Him in prayer, confess their sins, and are born again by the moving of the Holy Spirit, then we forget all of our troubles, we forget our tears, we forget our waiting before God, we forget our agony, and we

shout the high praises of God because a soul is redeemed and brought back to God.

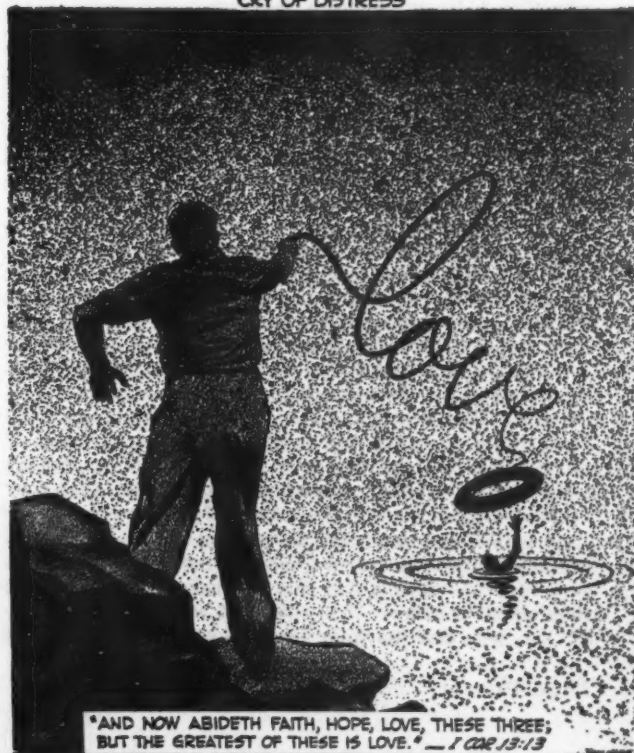
It will take more than wishful thinking to bring such revival. What did the Apostle Paul say to the Church of God people in Thessalonica? He said in 1 Thessalonians 2:9, "For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day. . . ." Yes, the Apostle Paul labored night and day, and he reminds them of his travail for them. We must become so burdened before God that we forget our own pleasures and desires, look up to Him through our tears, begging that He will have mercy and revive us again so that we can rejoice in Him, and truly say with the apostles of old, "This thing seemeth good unto the Holy Ghost, and to us."

The very thing that has brought us where we are today has been the *moving of God's Spirit from the very beginning.* It was not because in the beginning we had fine church buildings, for we had no such. It was because our ministers became great ministers of the Word of God through prayer, and then they had a glorious song to sing because God had poured out His Spirit upon them. In the beginning they received these experiences and were made glad because they had waited before God.

If we are to continue to be successful, we must trust in the living God; *we must wait before Him in prayer; we must pray until God moves in with the power of His Holy Spirit.* As has been said by the prophet of old in Zechariah 4:6, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." It is by the Spirit of the Lord of hosts that we have been successful, and if we are to continue to be successful, *we must depend upon the Spirit of the Lord of hosts.*

The Apostle Paul told the people in his day in 1 Corin-

CRY OF DISTRESS



"AND NOW ABIDETH FAITH, HOPE, LOVE, THESE THREE; BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE." — 1 COR. 13:13

thians 12:3, "Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." We need the Holy Ghost moving and dominating in the preaching of the Word today. We need the Holy Ghost moving in the choir singing and in the special singing today. We need the Holy Ghost moving in our congregations, for without His power, *and without His help, we stand helpless and hopeless.* We can do nothing without the Spirit of the living God. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

Our early men were great in prayer and fasting, in giving themselves to the reading and studying of God's Word, and in the ministry of God's Word *in private homes, under brush arbors, on the street corner, and in old school buildings.* They went everywhere they had an opportunity, preaching the blessed Word of God under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Today we have many instructors, as the Apostle Paul said, but I am afraid we do not have as many fathers as we should have that are willing to *pray, and pray until sons and daughters are born again.*

Let us be careful that we do not find ourselves just as instructors (and not doers of the Word), and doing as Jesus said the Pharisees and scribes did in Matthew 23:3, "All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: *for they say, and do not.*" If we as ministers preach to other people that they need to fast and pray, we need to take the lead in practicing what we preach.

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF US

Brother minister, we are commanded to "preach the gospel to every creature" by our Lord (Mark 16:15). In Revelation 22:14, we read, "*Blessed are they that do his commandments,* that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." In Luke 13:24, Jesus said, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." 1 Peter 4:18, "And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly . . . appear?"

Let us ask ourselves a question; really, are we doing our best to spread the glorious gospel everywhere to all creatures? Paul implies that he did all things to preach the gospel and to get more saved. 1 Corinthians 9:19-22, "For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, . . . that I might gain them that are under the law; to them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law; to the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." So, my dear ministers, let us go forth everywhere preaching the gospel at every opportunity to all men, that they might be saved through the power of the gospel.

An infidel once said that he did not believe that there was one sincere, so-called Christian in all the world. He explained by saying, "If the Christians believe what they claim to believe, that one must receive Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour or be lost forever and be

punished eternally in a lake which burns with fire and brimstone—if they actually believe that—they would do more than they are doing to take the gospel to individuals." The infidel continued, "If I were a Christian and believed that, I would walk on my hands and knees to my loved ones continually until I finally died on the job, or had conveyed the message to my loved ones." This to me is a challenge, for I surely feel that we are living in perilous times and in the very last days.

When I was attending the President's breakfast more than two years ago, we were told then, officially, that there were enough hydrogen bombs at that time, that if they were all set off simultaneously, they would possibly destroy all living things. These hydrogen bombs do as we are told by the Apostle Peter in 2 Peter 3:10, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."

However, before this time of destruction happens, and the world is destroyed utterly, *the Lord has promised that He would come and take His very own out of this world* (Luke 21:36). So then, there is but one conclusion: either *we must have a world-wide revival* to change the course of this world, or destruction is on us and millions will be lost that have never heard the name of Jesus. Let us put forth every effort immediately to try to get men and women to turn to God. *God is still on His throne; He has not changed.* He has promised to hear and answer prayer, and I truly believe that it is the will of God to give us a world-wide revival.

WOE

The Apostle Paul states in 1 Corinthians 9:16, "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; *yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!*" If God in His wisdom calls an individual, He will not change His mind and let the individual off from preaching the gospel, for this is the way and manner in which God has planned for him to work out his salvation. We are told in Philipplians 2:12, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Why would the Apostle say anything about fear and trembling, lest we miss the mark and fail God, and fail to do our very best.

Jesus Christ has said, "Strive to enter in . . . for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." So when God calls one to preach, He means for that individual to preach the Word of God. We are told in Romans 11:29, "For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance." Now this does not mean that when one receives the gift he can retain and use that gift and serve the devil at the same time. It means that when God calls a person to preach, it is either to preach the gospel or to be lost forever. *There is absolutely no substitute for preaching the Word of God when God has anointed one to do so.* So, my dear minister, let us go forth everywhere preaching the gospel at every opportunity, to all men, that they might be saved through the power of the gospel.

Not only has God pronounced a woe upon the minister that fails to preach His Word, but He has also *pronounced a woe upon the individual members of His Church that fail to witness for Him.* We find in Amos 6:1, He said, "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion."

Zion here refers to more than the city of David; it also means God's house. When an individual is born again of God's Spirit and anointed with the power of the Holy Ghost, *that individual is to be a witness for the Lord Jesus Christ.* "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me." Every Christian should seek every opportunity to speak to the lost men and women he meets, and give his testimony to the saving grace of Jesus Christ. A poet has said, "*You met me day by day, and you knew I was astray; yet you never mentioned Him to me.*"

Remember the Apostle James said in James 4:17, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." We certainly know that it is a good thing to speak to others concerning their salvation, so let each of us, as ministers, and as laity, members of God's Church, *move forward with a great determination to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ everywhere.* The writer of Hebrews said in Hebrews 2:3, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation." We can neglect our salvation by failing to witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. Let everyone do his or her best so when we come to the end of the journey, we can hear our Lord and Master say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant . . . enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

THE REWARD

What shall we receive in the end as a reward? We are told in Proverbs 11:30, "And he that winneth souls is wise." Daniel 12:3, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Not only will we shine as the stars forever, *but we will have the glorious privilege of living with our Lord, with our heavenly Father in His city,* where there will be no tears, no pain, no dying, no sad farewells. *We will praise Him eternally.* May God bless each and every one is my prayer.



HOW FAR CAN GOD REACH?

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the plat of Palestine and opened blinded eyes, raised the dead—irrespective of age or sex. He restored minds to maniacs, shook a publican out of a tree, outdid the physicians' philosophy and practice with one sweeping touch of his garment to a hopeless bleeder, purified the leper, fed the multitudes and forgave all manner of sin—to mention a few of the things He did. From Calvary He reached into the Temple, split the veil and removed the Jewish monopoly on forgiveness of sins by clasping the frustrated, power-mad, sin-cursed world, to His bleeding side. On the third day, He broke the power of the devil by staging a "one man victory march" from the tomb of the silent dead.

After the ascension of Jesus, we see the hand of God reaching in a new measure as He shook the foundation of the upper room where His faithful followers had prayed from the bottom rocks of consecration to the peaks of power. He flooded their midst with a wave of glory, as a rushing mighty wind. He flamed the very air about them with leaping tongues of fire, moved these

tongues in strange ways and set their beings aglow with the marvelous, magnificent, mighty, matchless, moving power of the Paraclete. From the upper room, He reached world-wide to every creature—to Cornelius in Caesarea, to Peter in prison, to Paul and Silas in jail—and on and on to great men and women before us whose names are down in history as heroes of faith. Even today He is still reaching with His undaunted power!

WHAT COMPRISES THE REACH OF GOD?

1. His sight 2. His hearing 3. His touch
- How far, then, can he reach with these facilities?

1. *He sees all* that we do, everywhere we go and every move we make. You may conceal your actions from other people but not from God. Thus, His sight, which is a major part of His reach, is unlimited.
2. *He hears all.* Oh, if only men today would realize that God is hearing and recording the vulgar, reckless, frivolous things they say. A secret, no matter how well kept, is known to God. Will our conversations not become centered better, formed cleaner and spoken with more love as we realize that *HE* hears our every word?
3. *He can reach anywhere.* He can lay His hand upon any person, no matter where he is. No one can escape the mighty reach of God.

Psalms 139:7-12, "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

Beyond man's power—He reaches to *heal the worst of sicknesses, to save the deepest of sinners, and to empower each of us who will yield to His teachings.*

Beyond the reach of mortal man
With health and wealth and land
The Creator reaches the creature.
Feet planted on falling sand,
He takes the hardest cases,
Removes their guilt and sin
And reaches with and through them
for other fallen men.

—Original poem.



CAN ANY HIDE HIMSELF IN SECRET PLACES?

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more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven," Hebrews 12:25, 26.

In reviewing these startling facts and the bearing they have on the Scriptures in the Bible which pertain to this subject, we believe that we certainly ought to take heed and obey the Lord in all things. If you have not sought the right hiding place, which is Christ the Lord, please do so at once; join the Church of God and be faithful to the end. "*He that dwelleth in the secret place of the*

most High shall abide (lodge) under the shadow of the Almighty, I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust," Psalm 91:1, 2.

*"Come from the loathsome way of sin;
Hide you in the blood of Jesus.
Come for the Lord will take you in;
Hide you in the blood of Jesus.*

*Oh, hide you in the blood,
For the storms are raging high.
Oh, hide you in the blood
Till the dangers pass you by."*

And lastly, we hear Ira D. Sankey sing,

*"Oh, safe to the Rock that is higher than I,
My soul in its conflicts and sorrows would fly.
So sinful, so weary, Thine, Thine would I be;
Thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in Thee."*



BUILDING WITH THE BIBLE IN THE HOME

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are old enough to decide for themselves in the matters of religion. We teach them how to eat properly, how to dress properly, how to behave properly, and yet the most vital part of all, their spiritual development, would we leave until too late?

As the Duchess of Hamilton said last spring, in an address on the Christian home delivered to the leaders of the Woman's Guild in Scotland in Edinburgh: "We cannot make our children into good Christians by training them how to behave. We have to teach them what to believe."

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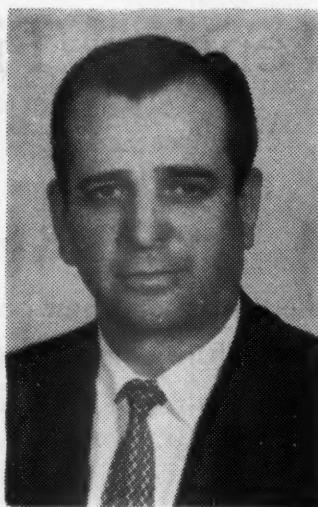
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For the past eight years Brother Horton has specialized in the cause of foreign missions. He served for five years as a member of the Missions Board of the Church of God and has for the past four years been the foreign missions field representative. During these years he has traveled around the world twice, visiting seventy-six countries. He is well-acquainted with the world situation of Pentecostal missionary endeavor.

He is also an outstanding counselor, having served for four years on the Supreme Council of his Church. First and foremost, however, he is a preacher. He is widely known in his organization as a speaker of tremendous power and ability. Besides a number of the states in this country, he has preached the Pentecostal message in fifty other countries. He is one of the outstanding preachers in the Church of God and of the Pentecostal movement.



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He was ordained as a minister by the Pentecostal Church of Christ in 1919, and has since served this organization in various capacities. He was a successful pastor for sixteen years, twelve of which he was also our general secretary, and he was then elected as general overseer.

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DR. L. SIGSBEE Miller, of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, is General Secretary for the International Pentecostal Assemblies with central office at Newcastle, Wyoming, and branch office at Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

Dr. Miller was educated at the Manteo High School, the North Carolina State College at Raleigh, North Carolina, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He served for a number of years as principal and teacher in the state high schools of North Carolina.

In 1929 he entered the Pentecostal ministry, and in 1934 was ordained in Hagerstown, Maryland. He later received his doctor's degree at the William Carter Bible College and Theological Seminary, in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

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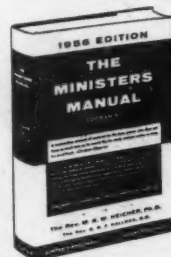
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